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THE EXTENDED NECK

It is now 30 yrs since Germany reluctantly and belatedly adopted the Weimar Constitution which, until HITLER grabbed control, gave an old empire the deceptive semblance of a republic.

As we approach this anniv (Aug 11) it is worth noting that Germany is—well, it is still *Deutschland*. There are currently adverse forces at work in Western Germany that are being inadequately dealt with, and quite obviously played down in our public prints.

The commonly-held impression that Germans welcome U S intervention and are moderately content with *status quo*, is a picture badly out of focus. Economic conditions are worse than admitted. Unrest and discontent are at new highs. The tide of nationalism is coming in. Even now, faction leaders, such as WERNER FALCK, are being tagged, "the New HITLER."

Already, there are veiled invitations to allied forces to get out. Open demand for troop removal will come when West German gov't is set up, 2 mo's hence. The Western powers will not accede to this, and something approaching stalemate is in prospect. Uncle Sam, in his renowned role of pursestring pulpiteer, will probably try to effect dollar docility. Whether we can spend our way to an acceptable peace is the billion-dollar question. You, as a tax-paying citizen, are committed to a sizeable bet in this race. And, candidly, the odds aren't too tempting.

MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

FRANK MURPHY, Supreme Court Justice who died last wk: "It is not easy to detest an extremist philosophy and yet insist on the right of any man to advocate it freely." 1-Q

DR BEN KARPMAN, of Washington, D C: "One shudders to think what sort of life it would be if everyone was completely and entirely truthful." 2-Q

DR RALPH J BUNCHE, UN Mediator: "There is no problem of human nature which is insoluble." 3-Q

DR SERGE KOUSSEVITZKY, director, Boston Symphony Orchestra: "Too often our source of inspiration is the source of our income, and we lower both our principles and our art." 4-Q

Prof HAROLD J LASKI, British socialist: "So-called free enterprise is a ghost of the past trying to pretend that it still has a body and still has a soul." 5-Q

Vatican source, elaborating on recent decree: "Excommunication has no need of a material executor who could be traced and punished. Excommunication acts upon the guilty in the secret of the conscience and it is irremediably automatic whenever a person is guilty in the sense contemplated by the decree of the holy office." 6-Q

Western Germany's Communist party: "If the Pope and the Catholic hierarchy ally themselves with the powerful and rich, that is up to them. Consequently, however, they will have to excommunicate

Christ, who made the Sermon on the Mount, and the medieval saints who preached communism. The action of the Pope is one of the most grave persecution measures in the history of Popedom." 7-Q

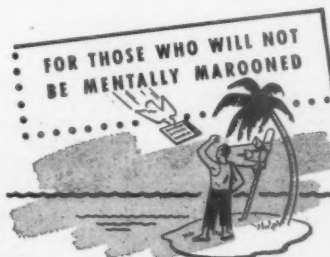
Sen ARTHUR H VANDENBERG, of Mich: "Appeasement is surrender on the installment plan." 8-Q

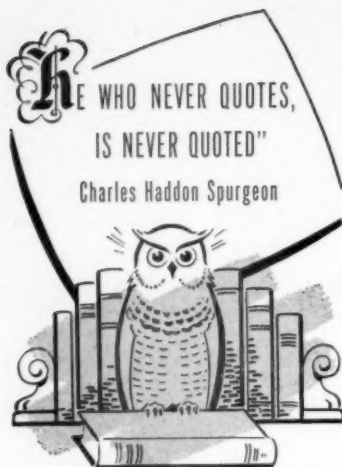
HELEN ROSE, Hollywood fashion designer: "Necklines will soon be back where they belong—at the neck instead of the navel." 9-Q

H R KNICKERBOCKER, veteran for'n correspondent, who died recently in a plane crash: "Communism is moving so fast that within a few yrs Moscow may feel itself strong enough to challenge the power of the U S." 10-Q

Boy Scout Commissioner F HAYDN DIMMOCK, of London, England: "In every boy there is a Divine spark—it only wants kindling." 11-Q

BETTE DAVIS, movie actress: "Hollywood tries to combine entertainment for both kids and adults in the same picture. The result is a movie which isn't suitable for either." 12-Q





ADVERSITY—1

When his show window was robbed, a jeweler in Ambridge, Pa., inserted an ad in the community paper. Under a bold heading, "Even Burglars Know Where To Come for the Best Jewelry," he reminded everyone of the crime and invited the return of the goods "for gift wrapping."

Of course business boomed as the curious flooded his store to learn if the thieves had accepted the offer.—R W CORRIGAN, *Rotarian*.

AGE—2

Growing old is like riding on a train: we seem to sit still while the landscape moves by.—MARCELENE COX, *Ladies' Home Jnl.*

BUSINESS—3

"Big business" in this country is just "little business" that operated efficiently enough, and gave good enough service to become successful. — ELMER WHEELER, *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*.

CHANGE—4

Change isn't necessarily improvement. Sometimes an old setup is better than a new upset.—Sales Maker, hm, Hardwick & Magee Co.

CHAUVINISM—5

A Scottish mbr of the British House of Commons complained recently that tourists for Scotland had to disembark in England. With true nat'l pride, he added: "Heavens, that is enough to spoil their holiday at the beginning."—N Y *Times For'n Service*.

CHILDREN—6

Two educators who have made a 3 yr study of child rearing have counted 18,121 assorted satisfactions, as contrasted with only 7,654 headaches to be found in the rearing of children.—*Survey Bulletin*.

CIVILIZATION—7

A native chief, treasurer of an administration in Nigeria, broadcast his impressions of England during a brief visit: "Everything and anything was in swift motion. Vehicles in their thousands, right and left, thousands of men, women and children running about as if certain elements were chasing them. This atmosphere made me conclude that the country itself was in motion. Unless you move fast you are either knocked down by a vehicle or by the pedestrians. No one can afford to lose a min."—THOS WARNER, *Church Mgt.*

COURTESY—8

I always have liked William Lyon Phelps's definition of a gentleman: "A person who is nice to those who can be of no possible service to him." — BENNETT CERF, *Sat Review of Literature*.

CURIOSITY—9

Before the start of a particularly lurid French trial, the judge turned to the women spectators who packed the court room: "Perhaps you are not acquainted with the type of case to be tried today. Some things will be said which are not the kind a respectable woman should hear. In view of this, will all the respectable women please leave the courtroom?" Not a woman moved.

After a moment, the judge turned

to an usher: "Now that all the respectable women have left, will you show the remaining women out?"—DON DOWD, "Listen to This," ABC radio program.

DISPLACED PERSONS—10

Someone has said that the Displaced Persons of Europe should be called "Delayed Pilgrims." That is what they are, for they are still on a pilgrimage seeking a place of rest and opportunity to live, work, and establish themselves again in family life and church life.—C O JOHNSON, pres, Baptist World Alliance.

EDUCATION—11

The marks of an educated man: 1) He cultivates an open mind. 2) He always listens to one who knows. 3) He never laughs at new ideas. 4) He knows the secret of getting along with other people. 5) He cultivates the habit of success. 6) He links himself with a just cause. 7) He knows it is never too late to learn.—Dr ALBERT E WIGGAM.

EUROPE—Occupation Forces—12

Police jeeps are everywhere in Vienna—with an American at the wheel, a Russian beside him, a Britisher and a Frenchman in back. The Austrians, who love to make mild fun, say: "At 1st we thought they and their occupants were meant to watch us. Then we were told that they were merely watching over us. Now we know the other 3 are really watching the Russian who is not in the driver's seat—yet."—LOUIS DOLIVET, Internat'l Editor, *UN World*.

EXERCISE—13

Having been obliged to assist an invalid guest, the girl who piloted the elevator in a small hotel was late in bringing her car back down to the main floor. When she opened the door, a vigorous-looking man bolted into the elevator and snapped: "Good heavens, girl, I've been waiting and waiting! I've

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got to get packed for a mountain climbing expedition. Second floor, please!"—*Wall St Jnl.*

FARM—Definition—14

A farm is a 4 letter word meaning a hunk of land that if you get up early enough mornings . . . and work at it late enough nights, it'll make you a fortune, if you strike oil on it.—FIBBER MCGEE, radio program.

FREE ENTERPRISE—15

Big business is part of free enterprise. But so are the small and middle-sized firms that form the overwhelming majority of the 425,000 corp'ns in America. Free enterprise is the sum total of all the ways in which Americans gain a livelihood. It is not something apart from the public. It is the public.—ERNEST T WEIR, *Commercial & Financial Chronicle*.

Business Creed

The Nat'l Negro Business League, founded in 1900 by Booker T Washington, is the Negro businessman's spokesman. The maxims by which Negro businessmen hope eventually to become full fledged capitalists are stated thus in the league's brochure:

"If you can make a better article than anybody else, and sell it cheaper than anybody else, you can command the mkts of the world. Produce something that somebody else wants and the purchaser will not trouble himself to ask who the seller is. Recognize this fundamental law of trade; add to it tact, good manners, a resolute will, a tireless capacity for hard work, and you will succeed in business."—ROI OTTLEY, *Milwaukee Jnl.* 16

GOD—and Man—17

An old Spanish proverb goes like this: "God says, 'Take what you want and pay for it.'"—NORRIS L BOWEN, *Mass Mutual Radiator*.

GOVT—Expenditure—18

In 4 fiscal yrs of peacetime—'46, '47, '48, '49—the U S Gov't spent \$177 billion.

In 152 yrs, from the time of Geo Washington's 1st inauguration in 1789 to the beginning of preparations for World War II in 1940, the Gov't spent \$167 billion.—*U S News & World Report*.

GREAT BRITAIN—19

W Averell Harriman, roving ambassador for the Marshall Plan, and Sir Stafford Cripps have had recent talks about multilateral and competitive trade. The story goes that Mr Harriman said to Sir Stafford: "You will have to take the plunge one day. Why not dive in right now?"

To which Britain's Chancellor of the Exchequer repl'd: "Why, I'll dive in—but not while there isn't any water in the pool."—JOHN A MAY, *Christian Science Monitor*.

HAPPINESS—20

To be of use in the world is the only way to be happy.—HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN.*

HUMAN NATURE—21

For a satisfactory life a man needs food, shelter and something to brag about.—H J HASKELL, *Kansas City Star*.

IMPORTANCE—Individual—22

If you want to see how important you really are in this world, stick your finger in a bucket of water and then look at the big hole it leaves when you pull it out. — *Parts Pups*, hm, Genuine Parts Co.

INTERNAT'L RELATIONS—23

When the U S catches cold, Europe contracts pneumonia.—*Newsweek*.

LIBERTY—24

A people usually loses liberty by a process of erosion rather than by a single act.—*Church Times*. (England)

If we lovers of liberty were as helpless in defending it as we are in defining it, the situation would be bad. — JOHN C HERR, *Wickenburg (Ariz) Sun*.

MAN—25

What is being called the century of the common man has witnessed as its outstanding feature more common men killing one another with greater facilities than in any other 5 centuries together in the history of the world. — WINSTON CHURCHILL, former British Prime Minister.

MONEY—Definition—26

A London newspaper offered a prize for the best definition of money. The prize-winning definition was: "Money is the universal

passport for everywhere except heaven, and the universal provider for everything except happiness."—*Present Truth Messenger*.



One hundred yrs ago (Aug, 1849) there was published in Boston a little book of which you probably have never heard. Yet this vol, indirectly, exercised perhaps as profound an effect upon the social and economic life of our nation as did any work issued within a century. It was an autobiography which bore the title, *The Life of Josiah Henson*.

HENSON was born a Negro slave in Md. Tho illiterate, he readily "picked up the fancy talk" of white gentry. So convincing was his scholarly jargon that once, in later life, he completely baffled the Archbishop of Canterbury. Asked by that dignitary to name his school, HENSON repl'd, "I graduated, Your Grace, at the Univ of Adversity." "Ah," beamed the godly man, "and where is that institution situated?"

Learning by chance from an itinerant preacher that "Jesus Christ tasted death for all men, the bond and the free," JOSIAH felt an impelling call to the ministry, and exhorted eloquently on the contents of a Book he could not read.

HENSON escaped, with his family, to Canada in 1830, where he established Dawn Colony for the Advancement of Colored People. Amazed to learn that his father could not read, a son taught him his letters at the age of 44. In his 60th yr, JOSIAH HENSON dictated the story of his life in slavery. The book was read with great interest by a New England writer, who later met the author and made him the central character of a novel she was then planning. Thus, in *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, HARRIET BEECHER STOWE gave immortality to the man you are perhaps now meeting for the 1st time.

Quote



Freedom of the Press

Printing scathing editorials and exposures of graft in his battle against corrupt politics, John Peter Zenger, Colonial printer and editor of the *N Y Wkly Jnl*, was finally arrested for libel, charged by Gov Wm Coker with "divers scandalous, virulent, false and seditious reflections." Zenger's case was handled by Andrew Hamilton, who denied the validity of the old legal maxim, "The greater the truth, the greater the libel," and argued that people must be allowed to criticize their public officials and be exempt from punishment if the charges were true. Moved by his brilliant defense, the jury ret'd a verdict of acquittal Aug 4, 1735, establishing the 1st important victory for freedom of press in America. In his concluding appeal, Hamilton said:

The question before the court... is not of small or private concern. It is not the cause of a poor printer, nor of *N Y* alone, which you are trying. No. It may in its consequences affect every freeman that lives under British gov't on the main of America. It is the best cause. It is the cause of liberty. And I make no doubt but your upright conduct, this day, will not only entitle you to the love and esteem of your fellow citizens, but every man who prefers freedom to a life of slavery will bless and honor you as men who have baffled the attempt at tyranny and who, by an impartial and uncorrupt verdict, have laid a noble foundation for securing to ourselves and our posterity and our neighbors that to which nature and the laws of our country have given us a right—the liberty both of exposing and opposing arbitrary power by speaking and writing the truth.

MUSIC—27

Caruso* never sang on a full stomach, justifying himself thru the following demonstration. He struck an empty crystal glass with a knife, and a beautiful clear tone rang out. But when the goblet was full, the sound produced after striking was thick, flat, and characterless.—DAVID EWEN, *Listen to the Mocking Words*. (Arco)

OPPORTUNITY—28

When opportunity knocks at the door some people are out in the back yard looking around for 4 leaf clovers.—VAUGHN MONROE, radio program.

Preparation for a Voyage

The Lord hath blessed me abundantly with a knowledge of marine affairs. Of the science of the stars He has given me that which would suffice; so, also, of geometry and arithmetic. Besides this He has granted me the mind and skill to draw globes and maps, and indicate upon them in their proper places the various cities and rivers and mountains. I have studied all sorts of writings, history, the Chronicles, and some of the other arts, for which our Lord has quickened my intelligence and understanding. CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS.* 29

PEACE—30

Any peace produced by compulsion is but the calm of enforced slavery. Peace is the mutuality of goodwill by agreement between equals.—WM FORNEY HOVIS, *Sentinel*, hm, Sentinel Printing Inc.

POLITICS—31

Take the games of bridge, poker, chess, checkers—mix them all up in a great olio, have all the aces, deuces and rules wild, no trumps declared—result? The Great Game of Politics.—W P TUTTLE, *Canadian Business*.

PREACHERS—Preaching—32

Opinions differ sharply about the number of illustrations to use in a sermon. An elderly pastor may insist, "Have none at all, or few. Why waste time?" A younger minister replies, "Preachers to common people, from the days of our Lord until now, have relied largely on illustrations." Which side ought

to win? Neither! Laymen feel the elderly minister's abode needs more open windows; the younger one's, more solid walls.—ANDREW W BLACKWOOD, *Preparation of Sermons*. (Abingdon-Cokesbury)

PREPAREDNESS—33

The city desk of the *News* got a call the other morning from an amateur photographer who said he had a picture of a traffic accident he'd like to sell. "Woman lying in the st, all banged up, and people crowding around," he said. The *News* man asked him how he happened to get the shot. "Oh, I always carry a camera with me in the cab," he said, "and when I hit this dame . . ."—*New Yorker*.

PROGRESS—Business—34

When commercial telephone service was offered in Portland, Ore, skeptics abounded, even among the more progressive businessmen. In 1882, 6 yrs after the original patent was issued to Alexander Graham Bell,* the mgr of the telephone co attempted to secure a dep't store as a subscriber. The store mgr offered to wager any sum that his store would never as long as it was in business have any need for the novel instrument.

"We can," he pointed out, "hire a boy for \$5 a mo who will deliver all our messages and, in addition, will sweep out the store and wait on customers."—MARGARET THOMPSON, *Portland Oregonian*.

PSYCHIATRY—35

There is more than humor in the statement once attributed to the head of a mental institution: "We take in the patients and treat their relatives."—C R THAYER, "Understanding the Nervous Breakdown," *Church Mgt*, 6-'49.

RADIO—Quality—36

"If I were a radio sponsor," says Les Gowan, dialing off with the air of a man giving \$100,000 worth of free advice, "I'd allow nothing on my programs that I wouldn't admire or enjoy in a rival's program!" — HARLAN MILLER, *Better Homes & Gardens*.

SAFETY—37

Stop, look, and lessen grade crossing accidents. If the train gives a hoot for your life, so should you.—*National Safety Council*.

SELF—38

Self-reverence, self-knowledge, self-control, these 3 alone lead life to sovereign power.—ALFRED, Lord TENNYSON.*

SERVICE—39

To give real service you must add something which cannot be bought or measured by money—and that is sincerity and integrity.—*Sales Maker*, hm, Hardwick & Magee Co.

SORROW—40

You cannot prevent the birds of sorrow from flying over your head, but you can prevent them from building nests in your hair.—Chinese Proverb.

SUCCESS—41

Success is the ability to get along with some people—and ahead of others.—*Stepping Stones*.

TALENT—42

One well-cultivated talent, deepened and enlarged, is worth 100 shallow faculties. The 1st law of success in this day, when so many things are clamoring for att'n, is concentration—to bend all the energies to 1 point, and to go directly to that point, looking neither to the right nor to the left.—*Wesley News*.

Paging Superman . . .

Shortly after the 1st atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima* and the news released about the atomic energy project, so long top secret, VINCENT STARRETT, in his "Books Alive" col in the Chicago Tribune, wrote:

Story-tellers in number have played daringly with test tubes of science and produced fictional weapons or formulae capable of ending the world at a blow. In such tales, there has always been some level-headed fellow around who, at the last min, destroyed the blue-prints, or dropped the weapon into the sea, or emptied the little vial of colorless liquid down the drain, saying, "Gentlemen, this is too dangerous a secret for anybody to possess. There, it is gone forever!"

I have been scanning the newspapers uneasily for that level-headed fellow, wondering if this time he has been left out of the script. 43

TEACHERS—Teaching—44

A teacher who is attempting to teach without inspiring the pupil with a desire to learn is hammering on cold iron.—HORACE MANN.*

TELEVISION—45

Television programs are being criticized. Chiefly, we understand, by cinema patrons who fear that unless the standard of home viewing is improved baby-sitters will become unobtainable. — *Punch*. (London)

UNDERSTANDING—46

To better understand one another we should all swap places for a while with each other. Every doctor should have an operation. Every policeman and minister should spend a number of mo's in jail. And every industrialist become a labor union mbr.—EDWIN DAHLBERG, quoted in *Christian Herald*.

VALUES—47

It is not what we eat, but what we digest that makes us strong; not what we gain, but what we save that makes us rich; not what we read, but what we remember that makes us learned, and not what we profess, but what we practice that makes us good Christians.—*Cominco Mag*, hm, Consolidated Mining & Smelting Co.

WAR—48

I had come to despise and be revolted by war out of any logical proportion. I couldn't find the Four Freedoms among the dead men.—ERNE PYLE.*

WORK—49

Work without hope draws nectar in a sieve, and hope without an object cannot live.—PERCY BYSSHE SHELLEY.*

WORRY—50

Recently, 38 Barnard College students were studied to find out how much they worry, how often they become frightened or angry. Results indicated that they became frightened about 12 times a wk and angered about 16 times a wk. Situations that aroused fear, in order of importance, were school work, inferiority, loss of prestige, and illness. These accounted for about 90% of the trouble. The remaining 10% included family relationships, financial difficulties, and abstract problems. Situations

arousing anger were thwarted plans (in more than half the cases), inferiority and loss of prestige, school work, family relationships, and abstract problems. These students worried considerably about broad social and political questions; some about getting old.—*Good Housekeeping*.

**July 31**

- 1763—b Jas Kent, American jurist, writer
- 1803—b John Ericsson, American engineer, designer of battleship "Monitor"
- 1875—d Andrew Johnson, 16th U S Pres
- 1886—d Franz Liszt, Hungarian composer

August 1

- 1770—b Wm Clark, American explorer (Lewis & Clark Expedition)
- 1774—Jos Priestley, English chemist, discovered oxygen
- 1779—b Francis Scott Key, author "Star Spangled Banner"
- 1815—b Richard Henry Dana, Jr, American lawyer, author
- 1819—b Herman Melville, American novelist
- 1876—Colo admitted to Union
- 1914—World War I began

August 2

- 1754—b Pierre L'Enfant, French engineer, architect who planned city of Washington, D C, 1792
- 1788—b Thos Gainsborough, English painter
- 1859—d Horace Mann, American educator
- 1892—b John Kieran, American newspaperman
- 1909—Army Air Corps founded, U S purchased 1st military plane
- 1921—d Enrico Caruso, Italian tenor
- 1932—d Alexander Graham Bell, American inventor of telephone
- 1923—d Wm G Harding, 29th U S Pres
- 1934—d Paul von Hindenburg, Pres of Germany

August 3

- 1492—"Columbus sailed westward from Spain, seeking China
- 1887—b Rupert Brooke, British poet
- 1900—b Ernie Pyle, American newspaperman
- 1907—d Augustus St-Gaudens, Irish-born American sculptor
- 1924—d Jos Conrad, Polish-born English author

August 4

- 1735—"Acquittal of John Peter Zenger, famed "freedom of press" trial
- 1792—b Percy Bysshe Shelley, English poet
- 1875—d Hans Christian Andersen, Danish fairy tale writer
- 1949—Coast Guard Day

August 5

- 1850—b Guy de Maupassant, French novelist
- 1945—"1st atom bomb used in warfare dropped on Hiroshima

August 6

- 1637—d Ben Jonson, British dramatist, poet
- 1651—b Francois Fenelon, French prelate, author
- 1809—b Alfred, Lord Tennyson, English poet

*Relevant mat'l in current issue. See items thus marked.

GOOD STORIES

You Can Use

Not long ago, an aged convict was released from a French prison, after many yrs of confinement. A detective, curious to observe the man's reactions to the wonders of modern civilization, took the old codger to see the new autos and planes, the talkies, the radio and many other present-day marvels.

"What has impressed you most?" the detective finally asked the old ex-convict.

"Women," the man repl'd.

"Women?" repeated the detective.

"Yes," explained the ancient jailbird; "when I went to prison, women were round. Now they are oblong or flat."—*Wall St Jnl.* a

"It must be awful when an ardent fireman has a flame put him out."—MINNIE PEARL, radio program.

A speaker's mss notes fell into our hands recently. They were 1½ pages long, typewritten and single spaced and there were indications that even the task of preparing the outline of his talk in these hot and humid days was more than our speaker could face.

It began in a businesslike way, with what seemed to be full notes on the opening parts of the speech, but the middle parts were only sketchily indicated. When he came to the climax, he was ready to toss in the sponge. His final notes were brief and very much to the point. They were—and we quote—"Bla, bla, bla."—*Milwaukee Jnl.* b

"America is a land where Groucho Marx has more followers than Karl Marx."—CAREY WILLIAMS, Publishers Syndicate.

Paddy was hauled before the magistrate for beating up his neighborhood grocer. "Well," asked the magistrate, "can you explain your attack on this man?"

"Oi certainly can, yer Honor," ans'd Paddy. "Oi was jest tryin' to show him the error o' his weighs."—FERN TANNER, *Tracks*, hm, C & O Railroad. c

Long after her divorce from Franchot Tone, Joan Crawford got fed to the teeth seeing the initial T on all her towels. She went on

I LAUGHED AT THIS ONE

LEIGH WHITE

Correspondent

Chicago Daily News

While I was covering the Goethe Festival in Aspen, Colo, recently a woman telephoned the reservations office to ask when Goethe would arrive. Since Johann Wolfgang von Goethe died in 1832, she was asked if she wasn't referring to Albert Schweitzer, one of the wise men who had been summoned to Aspen to discuss the meaning of Goethe's life and work.

"No, I mean Goethe," she said. "The celebration is in Goethe's honor, isn't it?"

vacation and instructed her maid to pull the T's out of every piece of linen in her absence. The maid was practically on the last towel when, to make her job endurable, she turned on the radio to listen to symphonic music. The program was interrupted for the announcement that Joan had just married Phil Terry.

The maid screamed, "If she thinks I'm going to put all them T's back, she's crazy!"—HEDDA HOPPER, *N Y News.* d

The big Ringling Circus this yr has a patriotic finale, at one point of which a gigantic picture of Pres Truman is unfolded, whereupon the elephants roll on their sides and act dead. —*Changing Times.* e

Pres Truman told me how he had changed the design of the President's flag. He had noted that the flag of office, which always stood behind his desk, had 4 stars on it, presumably to denote the fact that the Pres was Comdr-in-Chief of the Army. This was undoubtedly when 3 stars denoted the highest rank of gen'l. However, Army rank had since advanced by leaps and bounds.

"When all these new 5-star

gen'l's started coming in to see me, I got to looking at those four stars on the flag," said Mr Truman. "They didn't denote rank, for the Pres has no rank. So I had a President's flag made with the 48 stars of the 48 states encircling the seal. Then there never would be a war so big that gen'l's would outstar the Comdr-in-Chief."—BESS FURMAN, *Washington By-Line.* (Knopf) f

"Maybe the Big Four conf's, that have accomplished little on a yr-by-yr basis, should be put on a peace work basis.—Pathfinder.

A lady passenger was taken on a tour of inspection by the ship's capt during an Atlantic crossing. Finally she was escorted into a large compartment in which were stored several boxes of skyrockets.

"What are these for?" she asked. "They're to send up in case the ship is ever in distress," explained the capt.

"Well," remarked the woman, "I don't think that is any time for a celebration."—*Grit.* g

The Spike Jones baby, who has the same name as his old man, Lindley Armstrong Jones, already is being tagged with inevitable nickname: "Tack." — IRVING HOFFMAN, *Hollywood Reporter.* h

"There are more triangles outside geometry books than in them." — HOWARD W NEWTON, Redbook.

The little boy who told lies grew up to be a traveling salesman, and finally became head of the firm. One day his office boy asked for the afternoon off "to attend his grandmother's funeral." The boss thought he would like to see a match, too, and, to teach the boy a lesson, said he would go along with him. He went—and found himself at a funeral—for the boy's grandmother had really

died. After that he decided to believe everybody, and lost his money on the Stock Exchange. — *Erec.* (Johannesburg, S Africa) 1

"Why have you given the Gen'l such a peculiar sitting pose?" asked the visitor, viewing a rather odd looking statue in the sculptor's studio.

"You see," said the sculptor, "it started as an equestrian statue, and then the comm found that they couldn't afford a horse." — *Evening Mail.* j

A Schoolboy's Mistakes

A spouse is a sort of spice. A parasite is what a man is called who lives in Paris. A brunette is a young bear. The Kodak is the Bible of the Mohammedans. The Mosaic law orders us to set colored stones in our floors. False doctrines means giving the wrong medicine to the people. — *Stepping Stones.* k

A Long Island farmer sent to a big mailing house for a barometer. It arrived the morning before the worst hurricane to hit New England for 100 yrs. He opened it up and it said: "Hurricane." He swore a mighty oath and mailed the barometer back to Chicago. Just what sort of a phoney business were they conducting, anyway, he asked them in an angry note. He then turned from the post office and started to walk home. He got to his farm 30 hrs later. — *ALISTAIR COOKE*, in radio broadcast. l

The best place to spend your vacation is just inside your income. — *Home Life*, hm, *Railroadmen's Fed'l Savings & Loan.*

A woman went to an exceedingly scientific hospital to undergo a thorough examination. The 1st physician said, "Let me see your tongue." Another entered and said, "Let me see your eyes." Still another: "Let me feel your pulse." Before she was finished, a doz doctors had examined her. Finally,

she became greatly disturbed. Then a little fellow came in with overalls on, a bucket of water, a brush and some rags in his hand.

"My goodness," said the woman. "What are you going to do?" He ans'd: "I'm going to wash your transom." — *Canadian Doctor.* m

Deflation: economic condition that takes wind out of the sales. — *Pipe Dreams*, hm, *Universal Concrete Pipe Co.*

Mrs Jones was complaining to her next door neighbor: "You just can't trust anybody any more. My own grocer gave me a phony quarter this morning."

"Let's see it," said the neighbor. "Oh, I haven't got it any more," repl'd Mrs Jones. "I gave it to the milkman." — *Rocky Mountain Empire Mag.* n

Even tho a Des Moines mother used to call her 3-yr-old Jimmy "stupid" in the most warm and loving way, she's quit doing it. The other day, little Jimmy picked up the telephone when it rang but just held the receiver and didn't say anything. "Say 'hello,' stupid." Jimmy followed instructions all too literally. — *GORDON GAMMACK*, *Des Moines Register.* o

If a doctor loses patients to a rival practitioner would he be justified in suing for "alienation of affections?" — *JOHN CULLINAN*, quoted by *T HARRY THOMPSON*, *Sales Mgt.*

An Ark man bought a davenport and soon found it infested with moths. He complained to the mfr.

Back came a reply. It was the 1st complaint the co had ever had. Inquiry had failed to reveal any explanation for this unprecedented occurrence. The cover was of the finest quality and fully moth-proofed. Only clean, new filling mat'l was used. There must be some mistake.

Then out of the letter fell this note: "Send this guy the bug letter." — *Kroehler News*, hm, *Kroehler Mfg Co.* p



AUTOMOBILES—Appliances: Device to be placed under punctured or blown-out tire, so car may travel on for repairs, is being used in Holland. Metal frame holds cradle in which wheel rests, supported by 3 small iron wheels with solid rubber tires. (*Philadelphia Inquirer*)

FISHING—Bait: The lowly fishing worm apparently is on the way out, being supplanted by a wormlike bait packed in a tube, like toothpaste, ready to be impaled on a hook. (*N Y Times*)

FOOD—Processes: Plastic tubing provides economical packaging for bulky home frozen foods. Cut off length needed, heat-seal 1 end, insert food and heat-seal other end. When food is removed from freezer, cut off 1/4-in at each end, wash tubing and re-use. Tubing comes in 6, 9, 12 and 18-in widths; each bag costs approx 3¢. (*Christian Science Monitor*)

FOOTWEAR: Waterproofing for shoes is applied simply with cloth. Not for suede or patent leather but on any other footwear—business shoes or work boots, children's shoes—entire shoe, including sole and seams, is completely waterproofed, shines beautifully, has life span almost doubled. (*Esquire*)

LANGUAGES: Learning to read write, speak Spanish at home is fun with educational card games, played as solitaire or by as many as 4 persons, introduced by Language Inst, Inc. (*Financial World*)

MERCHANDISING: Poultry feed mfrs boosted sales by packaging products in attractive print cloths re-usable in dressmaking. Now Pay Way Feed Mills have added another line: zipper built into feed sack for use in making wearing apparel. (*Business Wk*)



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What Are Our Churches Coming To? — HELENA HUNTINGTON SMITH, *Woman's Home Companion*, 7-'49.

According to surveys by the Dep't of Commerce and checked by many religious groups, more than half the people in this country over 13 yrs old don't belong to any church . . . Whatever the reason, it isn't atheism. According to the surveys, 9 out of 10 believe in God.

Worried denominational experts talk of mixed marriages and Sunday activities that compete with churches. The Protestant churches frankly admit their relative failure to reach lower economic groups. But the problem as a whole still baffles them. The Chicago Congregational Union surveyed 25,000 residents of new housing areas around Chicago. They found many who gave transportation difficulties or small children as an excuse for not going to church. But they found more who gave "no reason." They simply stay away.

I did some informal polling of my own . . . A lawyer said: "I grew up in a small town. Two of the most crooked business men in town were deacons of my church. That made me decide church people were a bunch of hypocrites." Other opinions were that churches are "narrow;" that they're out of step with our times; that they offer pie in the sky (or fire and brimstone) instead of an honest answer to today's questions. It all adds up to the fact that most churchgoers don't know what's going on in the churches today . . .

In Monroe Co, Wis, a comm of ministers and local officials was studying the problems of the poor farm families who move from place to place, despoiling the land and suffering from neglect themselves. Better farming practices would help them, help the land, help the church and of course the community. A young Lutheran pastor, the Rev R E Meyer, was telling his church mbrs that to rob the land by destructive farming methods is just as wrong as

stealing; that it is their religious and moral duty to take care of their farms, which belong to coming generations—and to the Lord . . .

The trouble with applied religion, its staunchest supporters freely admit, is how and when to apply it. While nearly everyone agrees in principle with the noble and beautiful ideal of Christian brotherhood, there is disagreement over how to put it into practice. It may mean, according to your interpretation, adopting a group of families in Germany, trying to improve the treatment of mentally ill people in inst's, getting out on the picket line in a strike or welcoming people of other races into your church. Or it may mean tackling a nasty community sore spot when everyone would rather look the other way . . .

"The church," says Rev Frederick Reustle in Richmond Hill, L I, "carries the spiritual heritage of our civilization and *must interpret this heritage for the new day.*"



**U S Taxes High?
Look at Britain!**

PAUL R LEACH

Americans who are squawking about their Fed'l taxes would really have something to kick about if they had to pay what Englishmen lay down for socialized labor gov't including nat'l health ins.

A married Britisher with 2 children on \$2,000 of earned income pays \$88 in nat'l tax. A similarly situated American pays only \$20 for old age ins.

On a \$4,000 income this Englishman would pay \$728 compared to the American's \$296, including \$30 for social security. The \$10,000 in-

come man there pays \$3,260 while the American shells out \$1,391 . . .

Big income Englishmen really got bumped by a special tax collected Jan 1 this yr on '48 incomes from investments. A married Englishman with 2 children who made \$100,000 wholly on his stocks, bonds and rents had to sell something to meet his \$125,130 tax. If he got half of his \$100,000 from dividends, the rest in salary, his total tax was \$99,410.

Americans now contribute 1% of their pay up to \$3,000 a yr for old age pension, and their employers pay a like am't for them . . .

If Mr Truman's health ins plan is enacted next yr the individual social security tax will rise at least to 6%.

Recommendations have been made, also, that the taxable base be increased from \$3,000 to \$4,800. That would mean a \$4,000 married American with 2 children would pay \$506 a yr in income and social security taxes instead of his present \$296. He'd still be paying \$222 a yr less than the \$4,000 Englishman. That is, he would unless Congress raises our income tax rates next yr.—*Detroit Free Press.*

